

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for creating a three-dimensional engraving including the steps of providing a three-dimensional solid having a specified shape and size and which is secured within a numerically controlled and processor driven machining center. Additional steps include scanning, into the machining center, data corresponding to a three-dimensional illustration and subsequently projecting, into the solid, the three-dimensional illustration according to individual depths of cut. Yet additional steps include machining, in three-dimensional fashion, a three-dimensional surface within the solid and which corresponds to the individual depths of cut associated with the projected illustration, as well as shading the three-dimensional surface of the solid according to selected depths of machining, this typically occurring following the immersing of the machined solid into an oxide bath and the subsequent abrading removal of a darkened coating formed thereby and which is removed according to depth of cut. The method further includes the step of powder coating the machined solid with a thermoset plastic, followed by baking the solid within an oven to thermoset cure and render transparent the coating.